

Protecting the environment is vital to protecting the health of all Americans, particularly our children. I am fighting for cleaner air, cleaner water, and preservation of our natural resources, understanding that what we do today has an impact on future generations of Americans. I believe in fair policies that protect America's environment while allowing for economic opportunity-priorities that can work together.

I support the Obama Administration in their efforts to help create five million new jobs by strategically investing \$150 billion over the next ten years to catalyze private efforts to build a clean energy future, ensure 10 percent of our electricity comes from renewable sources by 2012, and 25 percent by 2025, and create millions of new green jobs. [Click here for an overview of the Obama Energy Plan](#)

I urge all of my constituents to conserve energy whenever and wherever possible and pledge that my family and my offices will do the same. I believe in implementing policies that encourage investment in innovative technologies that make our economy more productive; an education agenda that trains young Americans in math, science, and engineering so that they can compete for 21st century jobs; and forward-thinking trade policies that open markets for U.S. businesses, farmers, and workers.

Energy Independence and Security Act

On December 18, 2007, the House passed a motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 6, the Energy Independence and Security Act, and on December 19 the President signed this bill into law.

The Energy Independence and Security Act is an historic bill to make America more energy independent, respond to the global warming crisis, and grow our economy. Record high prices for oil-with prices at the pump more than double the price in 2001, and heating oil costs triple that of 2001-add urgency. The legislation:

- Strengthens national security, by lessening our dependence on foreign oil
- Reduces global warming
- Lowers energy costs for consumers
- Creates hundreds of thousands of new jobs and strengthens our economy

Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act

On September 16, 2008, the House passed the Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act, H.R. 6899. The legislation is a bold step forward, helping end our dependence on foreign oil and increase our national security. It launches a clean renewable energy future that creates new American jobs, expands domestic energy supply--including new offshore drilling, and invents and builds more efficient vehicles, buildings, homes, and infrastructure. It will lower costs to consumers and protect the interests of taxpayers.